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Strangers are admitted to see the Asylum on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and THURSDAYS, from Eleven to Twelve o'Clock in the Forenoon, and from Two to Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

They are requested not to make any remarks upon the personal appearance of the Pupils in their hearing, or to offer money to any Pupil or Servant of the Institution.

Boxes are provided for receiving any Contributions to be distributed as rewards to the Pupils; also a Book for entering any Donation or Annual Subscription which Visitors may be disposed to give to the Institution.

The PUPILS assemble in the MUSIC ROOM every MONDAY AFTERNOON, at Three o'Clock, except during the Summer and Christmas Vacations, for the performance of SACRED MUSIC, to which Visitors are admitted.

FORM OF LEGACY.

I bequeath to the Institution called "THE BRISTOL ASYLUM, OR SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND," *the sum of to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being of that Institution, for the general purposes thereof; which sum I direct to be paid preferably to any other legacies out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to charitable purposes.*

Gifts, by will, of land, or of any charges on land, or of money or stock to be laid out in the purchase of land, for charitable uses, are void by the Statute of Mortmain, but money or stock may be given by will, if not directed to be laid out in land.

Every person contributing £10 at one time, or annually subscribing £1 1s. (so long as such annual subscription continues), is a Member of the Institution.

Persons desirous of renting Pews or Sittings in the Chapel, may obtain every information at the Asylum.

Those who may be disposed to support this benevolent Institution are informed that Donations and Subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer; by Stuckey's Banking Company; by any Member of the Committee; and at the Asylum, Queen's Road, Park Street, Bristol.

All Annual Subscriptions shall take date from the 1st January in each year, and shall be paid in advance.

The Public are respectfully informed that all descriptions of Basket Work of various sizes, Door Mats, Hearth and other Rugs of various colour and sizes, and Ornamental Knitting, are constantly kept on sale, at moderate prices, at the Asylum.

BRISTOL ASYLUM

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SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

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President.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD TEIGNMOUTH.

Vice-Presidents.

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Col. SAVILE.

Treasurer.

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Chaplain—Rev. ALFRED MEDLAND.

Honorary Physician—JOHN E. SHAW, Esq., M.D.

Honorary Surgeon—A. W. PRICHARD, Esq.

Surgeon Dentists—Messrs. HAYMAN.

Lady Superintendent—Mrs. STANLEY.

Secretary—Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR.

Professor of Music—Mr. S. ROOTHAM.

Tuning Master—Mr. E. COCKRAM.

Governesses—Miss COOKE and Miss WILLIAMS.

Trade Master—Mr. KIRBY.

Superintendent of Saleroom Miss BUTLER.

BRISTOL, May 7, 1883.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Bristol Asylum, or School of Industry for the Blind, holden this day at the Asylum, Queen's Road, Park Street,

The Right Worshipful the MAYOR in the Chair,

The following Resolutions were passed:—

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be adopted, and that the same be printed and distributed under the direction of the Committee.

2. That the Right Hon. Lord Teignmouth be appointed President, William Henry Harford, Esq., and Col. Savile, be appointed Vice-Presidents, and that J. C. Aiken, Esq., be appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year, and that J. H. Nash, Esq., and W. Spark, Esq., be appointed Auditors, and that the following Gentlemen form the Committee:—

J. Almond, Esq.
William Arthur Danbeny, Esq., M.A.
John Exley, Esq., M.A.
Stenart Fripp, Esq.
Alderman Harvey.
A. N. Herapath, Esq.
James Inskip, Esq.
Henry R. James, Esq.
William Jordan, Esq.
Alderman Morgan.
Joseph H. Nash, Esq.
Alderman Spark.
A. C. Wansbrough, Esq.
Samuel Worsley, Esq.

and that the Rev. A. Medland be appointed Chaplain for the ensuing year.

3. That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to J. E. Shaw, Esq., Honorary Physician, A. W. Prichard, Esq., Honorary Surgeon, and Messrs. Hayman, Surgeon-Dentists, for their valuable services during the past year.

JOSEPH D. WESTON, Chairman.

The Chairman having quitted the Chair, it was taken by W. E. George, Esq., when it was resolved unanimously,

That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Right Worshipful the Mayor for his kindness in presiding on this occasion.

REPORT.

On January 1st, 1882, there were 55 inmates of this Institution, 35 males and 20 females. During the year two boys were admitted, and seven left. Of these seven, four were taught basket making, two left when their allotted time had expired, and two before that period, because, being unusually expert, they considered themselves capable of gaining a livelihood in the plain work of this department. One of these was also a good mat maker. A fifth was a good musician and tuner of pianofortes, and for some years had at times conducted the public services in the chapel. A sixth left in ill-health, and died shortly after of rapid consumption; and the Committee were most reluctantly compelled to dismiss the seventh, though a promising musical pupil, for persistent insubordination. Four girls were admitted and five left—one of the latter, Matilda Phillips, was very clever in making wool flowers and other kinds of fancy work, and the Committee in recognition of the influence which her Christian life exercised over the other pupils presented her with five guineas, and wool and needles to the value of one pound. Two other female pupils received each a gratuity of three guineas; a fourth was admitted into a permanent home for the blind; the fifth left in ill-health and died of consumption soon after. There remained at the end of the year 49 pupils. Ten of the twelve pupils mentioned above as having left were also

capable of adding largely to their earnings by chair-caning.

The secular education imparted to the inmates consists, as heretofore, of reading and writing in Braille and Roman type, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, and a knowledge of the current events of the day, music and pianoforte tuning, and handicraft, arts, and trades. The course of general reading to all the pupils assembled in the Dining-hall has included, amongst others, the following books: "Battles of the British Navy," Agnes Strickland's "Lives of the Queen's of England," Lady Brassey's "Voyage in the Sunbeam," "Margaret Catchpole," Lady Duff Gordon's "Letters from Egypt," "The Land and the Book," "The Cities of the Middle Ages," "The Cross and the Crescent," "Life of Lord Beaconsfield," Grey's "History of Rome," "History of the Jacobins," Carlyle's "Frederick the Great," "Horæ Subsecivæ," and various moral tales. On account of the difference between the mental capacities and ages of the pupils much care and forethought is necessary to arrange the work so that each one may receive as much attention as possible from the different teachers and professors. The Chaplain, besides conducting the Sunday Services in the Chapel, gives lectures and catechetical instruction once a week, and the Bible is read in the school and at morning and evening prayers by the Lady Superintendent.

The following works have been written in Braille characters by the more advanced classes at the dictation of the Lady Superintendent, assisted by the governesses:—

14 copies of the 1st portion of Bannister's Theory of Music.

13 copies of the 2nd portion of Bannister's Theory of Music.

10 copies of the 3rd and last portion of Bannister's Theory of Music.

25 copies of 186 Hymn Tunes.

25 copies of Secular Songs, with Accompaniments.

25 copies of 528 Chants, by Joule.

25 copies of 57 Kyries, by Joule.

16 copies of Handel's Album for the Organ (arranged by Best), besides numerous tunes and chants from the Bristol Tune Book, and other miscellaneous works.

In June last the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Bristol, J. D. Weston, Esq., afforded great pleasure to the blind pupils by kindly distributing the prizes, towards the binding of which he had generously given £10. The Mayor has also given £10 this year to be distributed in prizes, and another kind friend who does not wish his name to appear has given a similar amount, and for the same purpose.

It is satisfactory to note that the Trade Account shows an increase of £79 18s. on that of last year. During the year there has also been a slight increase of £4 3s. in the subscriptions. The donations have amounted to £573 4s. 1d., including £50 from Mrs. Col. Harrison, of Clifton, £10 from Mrs. Hare, of Scantone House, Clifton, and from Mrs. Disney Robinson, of Frogmore, Torquay, the munificent gift of £500; for all which sums the Committee beg to tender their hearty thanks. There have been no legacies received this year.

The thanks of the Committee are also given to the following ladies and gentlemen:—Miss Farler, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Tutton, for free admission of the blind pupils to their concerts; to Mr. G. Riseley, for generously admitting gratuitously the pupils to each of his Monday Popular Concert, Saturday Organ Recitals, and his benefit concerts; to Glennie Smith, Esq., for

free admission of the pupils to the service of the Church Choral Union, held in the Cathedral; to the Rev. Mark Guy Pearce, for admission to his lecture on Chatterton, at the Victoria Rooms; to the Rev. T. H. Clark, for admission to his lecture on Luther; to the Council of the Museum, for a reduction in the price of admission of the musical pupils to the lecture on Mendelssohn's "Lieder ohne Worte," delivered by Walter Macfarren, Esq.; to Miss Ware, of Pen Avon, Clifton Down, for writing in Braille type and presenting two books to the library; to Miss Walter, of Pen Park, and the parishioners of Charlton for a splendid gift of fruit and vegetables, being the offerings of a Harvest Festival. Special thanks are also due and given to the Committee of the Bristol Musical Festival Society for kindly setting apart, free of charge, seats for the blind pupils at their triennial concerts—seven in number.

The thanks of the Committee are also given to the Honorary Physician and Surgeon, and also to the Surgeon Dentists, for their services during the past year.

The Monday afternoon free concerts from 3 to 4 o'clock, held in the Music Hall, have been well attended.

The Committee came to a decision in June last that an increase in the accommodation for the educational department was absolutely necessary, the boys' schoolroom (the only room available for the purpose) measuring only 18ft. × 16ft. and 9ft. high, and there being usually 30 to 35 pupils assembled in it. Not only is the room too small for so many pupils, but it is badly ventilated; the walls are damp through the proximity of a rain water tank, and the approach is through the boys' bathroom, and hence the governess is at times excluded from her schoolroom.

Another evil in the present arrangement is the want of practising rooms for the boys. The pianofortes are

now placed in their bedrooms, dining-hall, mat shop, and even on the highest landing, a disposal which prevents any systematic superintendence of the pupils' practice, and which would, without ceaseless precaution, prove detrimental to them, both morally and physically. The Committee are also desirous to increase the sale of goods manufactured by the blind of this asylum in order that they may be more regularly employed, and by becoming more hopeful of the future, have a greater incentive to perseverance. It has come to the knowledge of the Committee that many residents in Clifton and Bristol were quite unaware of the trade of this asylum in baskets, mats, &c., and as it is essential in this age of competition and advertisement to draw the attention of the public as strongly as possible to the goods manufactured, the Committee considered that a more prominent position than that of the present saleroom was indispensable.

After much consideration of the above-mentioned deficiencies it was decided that the only adequate remedy was to add a new wing to the original building. Acting on this decision the Committee have caused to be constructed a handsome addition in the same style of architecture as the older portion of the asylum, containing a saleroom, practising rooms, and a schoolroom. On the ground floor is the saleroom, which measures 49ft. × 23 ft. and 24ft. high; it is lighted by two large plate-glass windows facing Queen's Road, and five smaller ones on either side. Behind this are six practising rooms, each 9ft. × 7 ft. and 10ft. high, having the space between their partition walls filled with sawdust to deaden the sound. These six rooms are lighted by eight windows. Over the practising rooms is the schoolroom, 50ft. × 10ft., and 15ft high, lighted by five windows on each side, and with seven ventilators in the roof. The whole of this new wing is warmed by hot water.

The Committee feel confident that these improvements will add greatly to the health and comfort of the pupils. The expenditure has been considerable, but it is to be hoped that the various kinds of work executed by the blind being brought more prominently before the public, in the new saleroom, many kind friends who do not now support it, may be induced to become subscribers to this valuable institution.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

In presenting another Annual Report, I note the absence of several of the older and more intelligent pupils who have left the Institution during the year, which must necessarily affect the results of the present Examination.

The Boys, in consequence of their increased numbers, were presented this year in three Divisions instead of two as on former occasions. The First and Senior Division, consisting of seven, passed a very good Examination in the last six of the Minor Prophets, and manifested a very fair acquaintance with the Gospel of St. Luke. With but one exception the Reading in this Division was very satisfactory; two or three of the lads read with ease and facility.

The 2nd Division, numbering twelve, passed fairly well in the 2nd Book of Kings, but only tolerably well in the Gospel of St. Luke. The reading in this Division, with two or three exceptions, was satisfactory.

The 3rd Division, consisting of eleven of the Junior Pupils, if I except two who had but recently entered the Institution, passed remarkably well in the Book of Numbers and the Gospel of St. Luke. The reading in this Division affords me much satisfaction.

Passing to the Girls who, compared with former years, are much fewer in number, they were presented in two Divisions.

The Seniors, numbering nine, passed but fairly well in the last six of the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament and the Gospel by St. Luke in the New Testament. As regards the Reading, if I except three who read easily and well, the progress has not been satisfactory, considering that they are all old Pupils.

The Junior Division of nine answered several leading questions on the Book of Joshua, and I was much pleased with their acquaintance with the principal events recorded in the Gospel of St. Matthew.

The Reading in this Division was very fairly good; three or four in particular read very nicely.

A. MEDLAND,

Chaplain.

MUSICAL PROFESSOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

Since my last report I have much pleasure in saying that the pupils have been working very steadily at their music, and with marked success.

One entirely new programme has been added to the list for use at the Monday Concerts, and several have been reprinted, with alterations in the second part, which have necessitated hard work.

A number of New Tunes, &c., have been added to those already in use in the Chapel.

In addition to the pianoforte pupils, there are nine organ pupils. Six of these have taken part in the service of the Church, viz., Chas. Raymond, John Pearce, Chas. Bailey, James Stevens, Mary A. Clifford, and Elizabeth Rawlinson. The remaining three are not sufficiently advanced to do so.

The music of the past year has been in advance of that of previous years.

There have been Forty Concerts between the 10th of April, 1882, and the 9th of April, 1883, attended by 2,108 persons, who have appeared an attentive and interested audience.

SAMUEL ROOTHAM.

THE BRISTOL ASYLUM OR SCHOOL

DR. *J. C. Aiken, Esq., Treasurer, in Account with the said A*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from December, 1881 ...				548	7	2
Cash received as under :—						
For Baskets, Mats, Rugs, Knitting, and Chair Caning				870	0	2
Subscriptions	223	10	0			
Donations	573	4	1			
				796	14	1
Dividends on the following Stock :—						
One Year on £15,406 9s. 10d. Consols, due July, 1882	462	3	10			
One Year on £874 16s. 1d. Reduced 3 per Cents., due October, 1882	26	4	10			
One Year on £16,180 3 per Cents., due October, 1882	485	8	0			
One Year on £11,547 17s. 4d. 3 per Cents., due October, 1882	346	8	8			
				1320	5	4
Legacies :—						
From the Executors of the late C. J. King, Esq., of Bristol	100	0	0			
From the Executors of the late Mrs. S. Hutton, of Bristol	50	0	0			
				150	0	0
One Year's Rent of Premises in Park Row .				10	0	0
Board of Pupils from their Friends or Parishes .				549	17	6
Cash from sundry Persons for use of Music Hall ...				118	6	4
Cash for use of Pianofortes				1	2	6
Chapel Account—						
Cash for Seat Rents and Collections to Dec., 1882				105	2	2
Cash received Offertory Account				15	14	2
				£4485	9	5

Examined and found c

J. H. N

CURTIS

Bristol, 24th April, 1883.

OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

ylum from 31st December, 1881, to 31st December, 1882. CR.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Cash paid as under : –		
Wages to Out-door Pupils		254 10 10
,, Instructors and Porters		369 10 1
Officers' Salaries		563 2 6
House Expenses		851 7 2
Cost of White and Brown Rods ...		210 9 3
Cost of Coir, Worsted, and other Material for Rugs, Mats, &c.		69 7 6
Trade Expenses		17 0 3
School ,, ...		11 19 6
Printing Reports, Advertising, Stationery, &c. ...		45 17 7
Coal for Workshops		15 15 9
Taxes		22 15 7
Repairs		407 18 6
Fire Insurauce . .		9 3 0
Gratuities to Pupils on leaving the Asylum ..		15 14 0
Subscription to Bristol Infirmary .		2 2 0
Miss Wood's Annual Gift, given to the Pupils for Clothing		10 0 0
Curtis, Jenkins, & Co., Accouutants		5 5 0
Piano Account		48 0 0
Chapel Account		
Stipend to Chaplain to June, 1882	50 0 0	
Balance of Seat Rents, &c. to June, 1882 ...	132 15 9	
Tuning Organ	3 0 0	
Winding and Regulating Chapel Clock ...	8 10 0	
Repairs	3 3 3	
		197 9 0
Cost of Consols £496 5s. 6d. @ 100⅞		500 0 0
New Building Account		810 0 0
Household Furniture		10 0 0
Balance		38 2 1
		£4485 9 5

correct,

NASH, Auditor.

IS, JENKINS, & CO., Accountants.

THE BRISTOL ASYLUM OR SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

J. C. Aiken, Esq., Treasurer, in Account with the Rev. Edward Kempe's Trust Fund, from 31st December, 1881, to 31st December, 1882.

DR. CR.

				£	s.	d.
To Balance from December, 1881			...	39	15	2
Cash received as under :—						
One Year's Dividend on Conso's, due July ...	£333	6	8			
	...		...	10	0	0
One Year's Dividend on Conso's, due July ...	£103	12	9			
	...		...	27	5	2
				£77	0	4

	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid as under :—			
Margaret Phillips, Llantrissant	2	10	0
Ellen Hann, Oakhill	2	10	0
Mary Hayes, Tetbury	2	10	0
Harriet Haynes, Kidderminster... ...	2	10	0
,, ,, Expenses ...	0	2	4
Hannah Collins, Devizes	4	10	0
Elizabeth Swayne, Portwood	4	10	0
Louisa Purnell, Trowbridge	4	10	0
Sarah Jordan, Highworth	4	10	0
Martha Marchant, Trowbridge	4	10	0
Sarah Ann Chivers, Paulton	4	10	0
,, ,, Expenses ...	0	4	6
Balance	39	13	6
	£77	0	4

Examined and found correct,

J. H. NASH, Auditor.

Bristol, 24th April, 1883.

CURTIS, JENKINS, & CO., Accountants.

The number of Pupils in the Institution 31st December, 1882, was 49, namely, 30 Males and 19 Females. Two Blind Teachers, and Ten Out-door Workmen.

NAMES OF THE MALE PUPILS.

Date of Admission.		Present Age.	Parish.
*1826	James Murphy ...	... 70	Westbury-on-Trym.
*1828	Jonathan Jennings	... 66	Westerleigh.
*1843	Samuel Foster ...	... 63	Taunton.
*1850	Henry Phillips ...	... 47	Bristol.
*1864	John James ...	... 39	Clifton.
* ,,	George Brown ...	... 57	Bristol.
* ,,	John Richards ..	... 40	Bristol.
*1875	Alfred Hiscocks...	... 34	Westbury.
*1876	Charles Byles ...	... 32	Charlton Marshall.
*1881	Samuel Derry ...	... 20	Bristol.
* ,,	Joseph Winsor ...	... 31	Bristol.
* ,,	Richard Morris ...	... 26	Bristol.

Those marked * are not resident in the House.

Date of Admission.		Present Age.	Parish.
1873	John Stevens ...	... 17	Taunton.
1875	Charles Raymond	... 18	Neath.
1877	James Adams ...	... 15	Marksbury.
,,	Alfred Wm. Bishop	... 15	Badgeworth.
,,	Albert Eyers ...	... 14	Hurston Priors.
1878	Wm. J. Sims	... 19	Whitchurch, Hants
,,	John Pearce ...	... 21	Tottordown.
,,	Geo. Radbone ...	... 22	Oxford.
,,	John Chilcot ...	... 17	Stoke Courcy.
,,	Charles Brackstone	... 21	Redenham.
1879	David Bevan ..	... 14	Hereford.
,,	William Bryant ...	... 18	Bristol.
,,	David Davies ...	... 14	Neath.
,,	J. A. Porry ...	... 22	Bristol.
,,	Joseph Hatherhill	... 14	Bath.
,,	Charles Henry Tuckor	... 10	Warminster.
,,	George Vincent ...	... 16	Bath.
,,	Thomas Hatton ...	... 19	Woodstock.
,,	C. J. Bailey ...	... 17	Torquay.
1880	George Messer ...	... 17	Bath.
,,	John Farr ...	... 16	Ragland.
,,	Saml. Daro ...	... 14	Stockland.
,,	W. J. Thomas ...	... 11	Pontypool.
1881	Wm. Moore ...	... 14	Eastvillo, Bristol.
,,	Wm. Jones ...	... 15	Neath.
,,	James Jones ...	... 13	Bristol.
,,	B. J. H. Jonkinson	... 15	Bristol.
,,	John Pullen ...	... 14	Cromhall.
1882	Samuel Dean ...	... 17	Minchinhampton.
,,	Thomas Dorrick	... 20	Bristol.

NAMES OF THE FEMALE PUPILS.

Date of Admission.		Present Age.	Parish.
1875	Rhoda Dimery ...	17	Berkeley.
1876	Rachel Crook ...	29	Newbold Parey.
1877	Elizabeth J. Rawlinson ...	20	Worcester.
,,	Ellen M. Towell...	22	Bristol.
1878	Emily Child ...	17	West Dean.
,,	Mary Ann Clifford	21	Bath
,,	Jane Ann Long ...	16	Brynmawr.
1879	Elizabeth Tomlin	21	Pontypool.
,,	Martha Jeremiah	18	Pontypool.
,,	Elizabeth Wigmore	16	Old Sodbury.
,,	Elizabeth Rowe ...	21	London.
1880	E. Norris ...	11	Keynsham.
,,	C. Ford ...	18	Monckton Combe.
1881	Alice White ...	15	Woolwich.
,,	E. Potter ...	9	Bristol.
1882	Eliza Lovell	16	Bristol.
,,	E. J. Higginson	13	Tetbury.
,,	Alice Bridle ...	11	Bristol.
,,	Ann E. Jones ...	18	Chippenham.

TWELVE PUPILS HAVE LEFT THE ASYLUM DURING THE PAST YEAR.

William Derrick, Clapton-in-Gordano, admitted 1873, left in 1882.
W. H. Evans, Cardiff, admitted 1875, left in 1882.
Charles Hill, Cheltenham, admitted 1878, dismissed 1882.
Charles H. Harwood, Bath, admitted 1877, left in 1882.
Thomas Joseph Eley, Bristol, admitted 1879, left in 1882.
Walter Bailey, Wolverhampton, admitted 1879, left in 1882.
John Clark, Bath, admitted 1879, left in 1882.
S. A. Nash, Newport, admitted 1874, left 1882.
Matilda Phillips, Usk, admitted 1875, left in 1882.
Ann Young, Comberton, admitted 1875, left in 1882.
Ellen Truman, Keynsham, admitted 1875, left in 1882.
Hannah Davis, Merthyr, admitted 1876, left in 1882.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

The manner of applying for Admission, and the engagements to be entered into by the Friends of the Pupils.

Any person desirous of applying for the Admission of a Pupil may have printed Papers of Questions and Engagements at the Asylum in the following form, to which answers in writing are required, attested as therein specified ; and the Paper when properly filled up, must be sent (post-paid) to the Secretary at the Asylum, near Park Street, Bristol, in order to its being laid before the Committee. It is required that the parish or friends of the Pupils shall contribute a weekly allowance towards his or her maintenance ; and if the parish or friends be at a distance from Bristol, then some respectable housekeeper in Bristol must become responsible for the regular payment of the sum stipulated.

QUESTIONS.

I.

What is the name, age, parish, present residence, occupation, and maintenance of the applicant ?

II.

Is the applicant married, and has any and what family ?

III.

Has the applicant received parochial or other relief, or the family on the applicant's behalf, and to what amount ?

IV.

Where do the parents or immediate friends of applicant reside, and what is the number of their children, their character, and circumstances ?

V.

Does the applicant bear a good character for *morality, decency*, and *sobriety ?*

VI.

How long has the applicant been a resident in the parish of ?

VII.

Has the applicant ever wandered about as a beggar, or played upon a musical instrument in the streets or alehouses ?

VIII.

In what manner has the applicant been usually employed; bas ever attempted to do any kind of work, or had any moral or religious instruction?

IX.

Is willing to conform to and obey tbe rules of tho Institution?

X.

Will the parish to wbich the applicant belongs, or friends, engage to pay half-yearly in advance, the sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings, in Bristol, towards support for seven years, or until such time as the Committee shall consider sufficiently instructed in some trade, and further engage to receive hack (if required), paying the expenses of removal of the said applicant whenever shall be discharged or dismissed from the Asylum, and also in case of death to defray the expenses of the funeral?

XI.

Is it probable that the parents or friends of the applicant, when shall have left the Asylum, can provide the necessary materials for future employment?

The *Answers* to the preceding *Questions must be certified* by the Minister, Churchwardens or Overseers, where the applicant resides.

Signature *Minister of Parish,*

Churchwardens or *Overseers.*

Questions to be answered by a Physician or Surgeon.

XII.

Is tbo applicant totally blind, partially blind, or ablo to distinguish light from darkness?

XIII.

What is the nature and supposed cause of blindness?

XIV.

Is the applicant possessed of sufficient intellect and bodily strength to receive instruction?

XV.

Has the applicant had the measles, small pox, scarlet fever, or been vaccinated?

XVI.

Is the applicant free from epileptic or other fits, and from all disorders that may be prejudicial to those already in the Asylum?

Signature.

Qualification.

Residence.

FORM OF ENGAGEMENT,

To be properly filled up and signed after Election, but before Admission of the Applicant.

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"Ordered that the friends or parents of candidates for admission be informed that in all cases it will be necessary that the candidates should attend at the Asylum before 12 o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of being examined by the Physician or Surgeon.

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RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.

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3.—Persons applying for admission are desired to observe that the object of the Institution is not to provide for the permanent support of those taken under its protection, but to teach them the means of gaining a livelihood for themselves.

4.—Candidates for admission must in all cases be recommended by a Life Member or Annual Subscriber of twelve months' standing.

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6.—Should a Pupil be dismissed for misconduct or leave the Institution from caprice or otherwise, without the approval of the Committee, before the expiration of the six months, no portion of the money so advanced shall be returned.

7.—*That each Person recommended by a Life Member or Subscriber of twelve months' standing, living in the parish, or one adjoining that of the person recommended (provided the other requisites are satisfactory) be received in preference to any other candidate.*

8.—No Male applicant, who is under Nine or above Twenty-one years of age, and no Female under Nine or above Twenty-five, can be placed on the list of candidates.

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